

# Town of Sharon



## Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022

### Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

Open	Linda Hager
Neil Coplan	Terri Rawding
David Fixler	

### Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer, DPW Representative
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### Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.
- Future scheduled meeting(s): TBD
- Agenda items include: quarterly/daily parking, post pandemic community patterns, RFP status, signage/traffic flow change, next steps

### Discussion

- The Committee had not met in over a year.
- Mr. Fixler said that regarding quarterly/daily parking we have not vetted anything. He is concerned with the process if we are TAB then the Select Board should have contacted TAB to brainstorm. We cannot make recommendations if not included in the process.
- Ms. Hager said she told Select Board member Hannah Switlikowski that we should have been notified. There is a Select Board meeting tomorrow to discuss quarterly/daily parking.
- Mr. O'Cain said he thinks the Select Board meeting on Tuesday is to discuss this topic. He said that some quarterly passes converted to daily. People are still not using the trains as before. He said if we increase quarterly to daily he is thinking the use might increase. The lot is a quarter or less full.
- Mr. Fixler said that people are complaining when it went from quarterly to daily. He does not understand why the charge is \$4.35 in Sharon and \$4.00 to park in Canton. We are in competition.
- Mr. O'Cain said there is a .35 cent fee for using the app.
- Mr. Fixler said any decision based on the pandemic is early. We will be in a better position in 6-8 months.
- Ms. Hager said that most companies are pushing for employees to return to work two days a week in office. We will see more usage of commuter rails.

- Ms. Rawding suggested keeping things the way they are for now. What are we pushing? We have current customers.
- Mr. O'Cain said that revenues are down. It still costs to maintain the lot: signage, plows, paint etc.
- Mr. Fixler thinks it's premature to make decisions on changing and Mr. Coplan agrees.
- Mr. Coplan said what is the impact of existing change? He suggests keeping the resident side of the lot, resident only.
- Ms. Hager said she wanted to get to the bottom of the \$.35 surcharge.
- Mr. Fixler said he would be happy to speak on behalf of TAB at the Select Board meeting.
- Ms. Hager said there are two issues: survey residents and determine a commute plan. Find out about the \$.35 surcharge. Why increase daily spaces and why are new daily spaces up front.
- Mr. Coplan said any metrics that shows it was beneficial to make changes? Mr. O'Cain will look into this.
- The Town should have an appropriate policy to handle disputes in a professional manner.
- Mr. O'Cain said he will forward comments to Town Treasurer and Mr. Turkington regarding parking glitches. They should write a policy.
- Mr. Fixler said we would like the opportunity to weigh in before decisions are made.

### **Adjournment**

Through unanimous consent and by a vote of 4-0-0 the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted:

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